

was the third female graduate of the Medical College of Georgia in 1928; the only woman in her class. After her marriage to Mr. Denmark she moved to Atlanta to work at Grady Hospital. When Egleston Childrens Hospital opened, she became its first intern. Dr. Denmark conducted research on whooping cough in the early 1930s, which led to the modern-day DPT vaccination.

While Dr. Denmark appears extremely fragile, she opens her office five days a week from 8 a.m. till late, with no receptionist, nurse or appointment book; just a sign-in sheet on a table. If one of her patients calls, no matter if it is two in the morning or on the weekend, she will meet them in her office.

Dr. Denmark had planned to retire when she was 87, but because of her dedication and love of medicine, she decided only to semi-retire. She is now seeing 15 to 25 patients a day, does all of her filing and testing, answers her own phone, and charges all of \$8.00 per visit. If you can't afford even that, there will be no charge.

Dr. Leila Denmark has been honored throughout Georgia for her accomplishments (including the Atlanta Gaslight Award), has appeared on many local and national television shows, such as "Good Morning America," and in national magazines such as "Ladies Home Journal" and "Family Circle." She has also written a book entitled "Every Child Deserves A Chance." She is a shining example of a great American and a Great Georgian, and I am proud to salute her.

TRIBUTE TO ADELANTE EAGLE  
AWARD RECIPIENT IRENE TOVAR

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Irene Tovar, a recipient of the 2001 Adelante Eagle Award.

Adelante and the California Migrant Leadership Council is dedicated to empowering the Latino community in California by developing opportunities in education, economic development and the political process.

The Adelante Eagle Award is presented annually to individuals who have made a commitment to California and have made positive contributions to the betterment of our community.

Past Eagle Award recipients include Congressman JOE BACA, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO, Educators Mario Muñiz, Carolyn and Jim Bartleson, Jim White, Business persons Mary Lou Gomez and Maria Dolores Andrade, just to name a few.

Ms. Tovar is Executive Director of the Latin American Civic Association, an organization she co-founded in 1960. Since then Ms. Tovar has dedicated herself to empowering a strong Latino community. Her efforts have led to the establishment of various programs and services, which have provided a strong foundation for the advancement of Latinos not just in the San Fernando Valley but also throughout the State of California.

Her commitment to community issues has resulted in the founding of the San Fernando

Valley Neighborhood Legal Services and serving on various boards, task force and commissions. These have included serving on the State of California Public Employees Relations Board, the Los Angeles Mission College Community Advisory Board, Latino Advisory Committee to LAPD Chief Bernard Parks, Valley Economic Development Center, LAPD Police Commission Warren Christopher Commission Reform Task Force, SFV Hispanic-Jewish Women's Task Force, Rebuild L.A. Board of Directors, LAPD Foothill Division Community Advisory Board, State of California Advisory Commission on Compensatory Education.

In 1975 Ms. Tovar was appointed by then Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. to the California State Personnel Board where she served until 1981. Ms. Tovar was not only the first Chicana appointed to the board that required California State Senate confirmation, but she also served as President of this most important body. Recognizing Ms. Tovar's leadership abilities Governor Brown appointed her as his Special Assistant a position she held from 1978-1981. During her tenure Ms. Tovar was responsible for the identification and recommendation of Latinos for appointment to State Boards and Commissions. This included the recommendation and appointment of Cruz Reynoso as California Supreme Court Justice. Ms. Tovar was also responsible for the establishment of the Governor's Chicana Issues Conference first held in 1980.

Ms. Tovar's accomplishments have been recognized by various state and city agencies as well as community organizations. She has been the recipient of many honors and awards including the City of Los Angeles City Council Pioneering Woman Award, California State University, Northridge Distinguished Alumni Award, Comision Femenil's Woman of the Year, Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Woman "Woman of the Year" Award, KLVE Feria de la Muier Outstanding Latina of the Year, L.A. Times "Newsmaker for 1999", Cal-State Northridge La Raza Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award, USC El Centro Chicano Cuauhtemoc Award, MALDEF Employment Award, U.S. Congressional Commendation, and the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association Recognition Award, just to name a few.

For all she has done on behalf of the Latino community, we salute Irene Tovar.

IN HONOR OF JAMES TILLMON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of James Tillmon, Director of Community Development for Genesis Homes/H.E.L.P.—USA serving Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx. Mr. Tillmon has led an exemplary life of both community and public service. One of eight children born in Brooklyn, New York to the late Louise Tillmon and Dr. Walter E. Baker, James Tillmon graduated from South Shore High School. Mr. Tillmon holds a BA in Communications from Antioch College as well as a Masters in Urban Planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

James started his career in community service in 1988 when he worked in Syracuse, New York as a Vista Volunteer for one year. As a Vista Volunteer, he worked with youth between the ages of 16 and 21. James left Syracuse and joined the Department of Commerce's Census Bureau as a Field Operations Supervisor where he assisted and trained a "Swat Team" for troubled neighborhoods for two years.

Continuing where he left off in the field of public service, in 1991 James joined the United States Peace Corps as a volunteer in Equatorial Guinea. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, he organized and helped engineer plans for economic development within the region. In addition he supervised humanitarian projects and trained volunteers.

After leaving the Peace Corps, he worked in the Kings County District Attorney's office as a Victim Advocate/Crisis Counselor. In addition, as a Public Safety Corps Team Leader, he has worked with the New York City Housing Management with emergency residential placement. James left the District Attorney's office to become the Community Relations Liaison at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan.

James has also served as Chairman of the Health Committee on the Brooklyn Community Board #1 as well as on the Board of his Alma Mater, Antioch College. He has received much recognition for his public service including a City Council Citation for his outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, James Tillmon has devoted his life to helping others. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

TRIBUTE TO EVANSTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2001

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations and best wishes to the Evanston Township High School Chess Team for winning its 3rd state championship in four years.

This year's state meet was held on March 23-24 and the Wildkits team scored 396.5 out of a possible 475 points. Juniors Yahshua Hosch (6-0-1) and Ben Yarnoff earned first-place individuals records, freshman Jusuf Pekovic placed third, sophomores Daniel Summerhays and Mark Aburano-Meister both took fourth place, and senior David Summerhays placed eighth. Other members of the championship team include junior Gershon Bialer, senior Aaron Walsman, sophomore Tyler Drendel and freshman Amelia Townsend. Science Teacher Ken Lewandowski is the ETHS team coach and he is assisted by ETHS teachers Paul Kash and Sam Sibley (retired).

Adding to the success of this season, the ETHS team also placed at the national chess championship in April coming in 8th (just 4 points away from 1st place) at the championship level and first-place at the intermediate